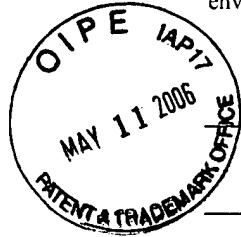


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**Case No. 4865-133**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Nixon et al.

Serial No: 10/693,425

Examiner: Group, Karl E.

Filed: October 24, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1755

For: BORON CARBIDE BASED  
CERAMIC MATRIX  
COMPOSITES

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated January 6, 2006 for a period of one (1) month.



Applicant:



claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

**Fee Payment**

- Attached is a check for \$120 for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 8, 2006



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